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**PATENT**

**Attorney Docket No. GC717-2-US**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	Group Art Unit: 1656
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Serial No.: 10/500,936	)	
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Filed: March 25, 2005	)	
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**Response to Office Action Mailed March 27, 2006**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be made. Applicant also hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to submit a Response. Instructions to amend the Specification begin on page 2, while a complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 9. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*<sup>1</sup>. The Remarks begin on page 11 and the Conclusion is on page 17.

<sup>1</sup> *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).